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SUBJECT: LOS: INFORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE II NEGOTIATING GROUP
III (CONTINENTAL SHELF) - AUGUST 16

1. NG III CONTINUED UNSTRUCTURED DEBATE ON MARGIN,
FOCUSING ON QUESTIONS OF MARGIN DELIMITATION,
VESTED RIGHTS OF BROAD MARGIN STATES, SUBTRACTION OF
VALUABLE AREA FROM COMMON HERITAGE, NEEDS OF LAND-LOCKED
AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES, AND REVENUE
SHARING. US DID NOT INTERVENE.

2. DESPITE CRITICISMS OF IRISH PROPOSAL, PROPOSED
ALTERNATIVES WERE LIMITED TO 200 MILES AND TO
200 MILES/500 METER DEPTH. DEPTH CRITERION GOT LITTLE
SUPPORT, AND CANADA DESCRIBED BOTH ALTERNATIVES AS NON-
STARTERS. SEVERAL STATES URGED MORE PRECISE MARGIN
DEFINITION THAN PROVIDED IN RSNT, WITH CANADA CIRCULATING
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BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSAL OF LAST SESSION. TUNISIA

PROPOSED COASTAL STATE NEGOTIATION OF MARGIN BOUNDARY
WITH ISRA, IF AGREEMENT THAT SHELF EXTENDS BEYOND 200
MILES.

3. FRANCE SUPPORTED BROAD MARGIN, WITH HINT AT
EVENTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF REVENUE SHARING, AND WITHOUT
ISRA ROLE IN MARGIN REVENUE SHARING. THEY OPPOSED
CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND. TURKEY COULD SUPPORT BROAD
MARGIN SUBJECT TO REVENUE SHARING LEVEL FIXED BY
ISRA, WITH FLOOR OF 15 PERCENT. SINGAPORE SPEAKING
FOR LL/GDS SUPPORTED 200 MILES, BUT POSITION NEGOTIABLE
SUBJECT TO PREVENTING APPRECIABLE DIMINUTION OF COMMON
HERITAGE. POLAND AND AUSTRIA ENDORSED SINGAPORE
POSITION; AUSTRIA AGAIN PROPOSED REVENUE SHARING FROM
MINERAL RESOURCES STARTING AT 200 METERS. AUSTRIA
FURTHER STATED THAT REVENUE SHARING IS INSUFFICIENT
COMPENSATION, ESPECIALLY AS THE REVENUES WILL NOT BE
FORTHCOMING IN SHORT RUN AND PERCENTAGES WILL BE
SMALL. HOWEVER, REVENUE SHARING, BEYOND 200 MILES,
COUPLED WITH RECOGNITION OF LL/GDS ASPIRATIONS REGARD-
ING EXPLOITATION OF SHELF OFFERS POSSIBILITIES.
UGANDA FAVORED ACCOMMODATING LL/GDS NEEDS. LIBYA,
AFGHANISTAN, CAMEROON AND KUWAIT SUPPORTED 200 MILES.
NETHERLANDS PROPOSED REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENTS IN
GENERAL AS OUTLINED IN PART I FOR DEEP SEABED.

4. IN CONFUSED POLEMIC INTERVENTION, NORTH KOREA
ATTACKED OIL MONOPOLIES IN YELLOW SEA AND US AND JAPANESE
ECONOMIC INFLUENCE IN SOUTH KOREA WHILE SEEMINGLY
ENDORING BROAD MARGIN.
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